

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	)	Group Art Unit No.: 2157
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Thomas Markson, et al.	)	Examiner: Todd, Gregory G.
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Serial No.: 09/885,290	)	Confirmation No.: 3062
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Filed on: June 19, 2001	)	
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For: VIRTUAL STORAGE LAYER	)	
APPROACH FOR DYNAMICALLY	)	
ASSOCIATING COMPUTER	)	
STORAGE WITH PROCESSING	)	
HOSTS	)	

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**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This reply is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 1, 2007, the shortened statutory period for which runs until February 1, 2008. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks herein. Amendments and Remarks are presented on separate sheets beginning on the pages indicated below:

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